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Graham County School Superintendent

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Superintendent's Message

A year ago, we were asked to stay home, stay healthy and to stay connected. Now we can leave home, but staying healthy and connected is as important as ever.

Teaching and learning never stopped, and because of the help and guidance from our awesome school district teams of teachers, administrators, support personnel and PARENTS, our students proved their resilience. Education can and should be happening all the time. Reading will never go out of style. It is still a great time to explore and learn more about personal finance, responsibility, saving and spending practices such as preparation vs hoarding and panic shopping, etc. This past year provided us all with a unique opportunity to embrace our children and set examples of how to maintain a home, pick up a new hobby, help others and take trips around the world through books, magazines, movies and streaming video. Summer is almost here and we need to keep it all going!

No boredom allowed!

We do have this!

Contact us!

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Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Dates to Remember

April 4—Easter

Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) June 7-10, 2021

Here is the link to "Save your Seat at SEATA." We will provide the session descriptions in late April—early May. Hurry! We are approaching capacity!

<https://forms.gle/wBHbPRy6XWZJwSQd8>

Positive Parenting: 5 ways to manage your own big feelings



One of the hardest things about being a parent is always having to be the grown-up in the relationship. On our best days, we're able to be the calm in the middle of our child's storm. But it's not always easy — like the time my daughter plugged up the toilet with generous amounts of toilet paper. As I was mopping the bathroom floor, my toddler son stood in the doorway asking me repeatedly if I wanted to see a magic trick. Holding it together during high-stress moments is one of most important skills we can develop as parents, and also one that we'll probably keep working on most of our lives. Here are some tricks of the trade to help you fake it 'til you make it."

1. Get a drink. Naaaah, not that kind of drink. Have a drink of water when you feel like you're about to lose it. Why? Well, hydration is always a good idea. But drinking also forces you to take breaths through your nose — the kind of breathing that helps calm your nervous system so you can think more rationally.

2. Talk to yourself. There's a ton of research, especially from the world of sports psychology, that positive self-talk leads to better performance. So next time you're on the edge, talk to yourself like you'd talk to a friend, with empathy and kindness: This is really hard, but you can do it.

3. Stop and look. When you feel yourself winding up, take a breath and focus. Zoom in on your child — notice the swirls of their ear, the curve of their cheek, their little belly spilling over PJ bottoms, the way their fingers grasp a favorite toy. Pay attention to every detail: the color and creases of their skin, the way they smell, their expression, their posture. Being fully present like this often helps you start to feel calmer in your own body and experience more compassion toward your child. Compassion doesn't mean that you always say yes, but it helps you validate your child's goals or feelings even when you have to set a limit or say no.

4. Shake it up. Everyone cranky and out of sorts? Do something you don't usually do (and I don't mean run away to Mexico for a week). My go-to when the kids and I were having a rough day was to suggest a backwards lunch or dinner. That meant they could eat dessert first, and then have their meal. It was such a silly, small thing, but they loved it. Even as teens, my kids still talk about backwards lunches. So, in a weird way, some of our toughest moments became our best memories.

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Positive Parenting: 5 ways to manage your own big feelings

5. Set up a “feelings spot.” Create a safe spot where your child can choose to go when they are having big feelings, like a corner of a room with a few pillows, a blanket and stuffed animals. Having a spot like this helps children learn they can do something to feel better when their emotions get overwhelming. And you can show them how! Parents: Hop. On. That. Spot! Tell your child, “I’m feeling so frustrated right now. I’m going to sit on the couch for a few minutes so I can calm down and be a better problem-solver.” This has the double benefit of modeling self-regulation for your child and giving you a chance to regroup.

Many of us are spending more time than ever at home with our children. We have more chances to share good times. And some cranky times too. Finding new ways to keep our cool helps us fill our toolbox with strategies to reach for when things get tough. Learning to manage big feelings of frustration, burnout and anger (that we all experience at some point) is a gift. It’s a gift to yourself to learn what you can do to feel better and be better. And it’s a gift to your child to experience you as a calm, loving adult they can depend on.



The Parent Kit is here to help you meet the challenges of being a parent.

<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/parent-kit/>

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About First Things First — As Arizona’s early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children’s preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](https://www.firstthingsfirst.org).

Personal Finance Fun and Games—Online Workshop

for Middle School Teachers

Thursday, April 1, 2021

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. PDT/MST

Make financial literacy fun with five educational games! Improving our students' financial literacy prepares them for adulthood, but also empowers them. Make career choices, credit scores, budgeting, insurance, and investing fun for students by using educational games. Attendees will receive all the materials and information they need to implement five personal finance games with middle and high school students. We will also explore virtual adaptations for some of the activities.

[REGISTER FOR PERSONAL FINANCE FUN & GAMES](#)

ECONOMICS IN YOUTH LITERATURE FOR GRADES 9-12

Online Workshop

for Middle and High School Teachers

Thursday, April 8, 2021

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. PDT/MST

Get resources to support you in teaching economics, personal finance, ELA, and mathematics simultaneously!

You are invited to find new ways to teach economic concepts to your students using popular youth literature. Our partner, the U of Arizona Office of Economic Education, is offering a Spring 2021 series that will show you how to incorporate economics into lessons that target ELA standards. This is the last in the series of a program for each of the following grade bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and **9-12**. Attend one session to get information specific to your grade level, or mix and match sessions to get ideas that are applicable across grade levels. Attendees will receive an Amazon Gift Card to facilitate purchase the books featured in each session!

[REGISTER FOR ECON IN YOUTH LITERATURE 9TH-12TH APRIL 8, 2021](#)

VOTE: ECONOMIC STABILITY

Online Workshop

ECONOMIC STABILITY

for 6th Grade through College Educators

Saturday, April 10, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. PDT/MST

Join us for a free, one-day online workshop that will delve into the issue of economic stability, looking at it from the conservative, liberal, and radical perspectives. What are their different policy ideas? (Trickle Down? Bubble Up? Ripple Out?) How does each perspective analyze the problem? Hands-on exercises will bring the material alive, and we will post the materials so you can bring these ideas back to your students. Attendees will be provided lunch via Grubhub. 6 Professional Development Hours.

[**REGISTER FOR VOTE ECONOMIC STABILITY**](#)

MONEY MONSTERS

Online Workshop

for Elementary Teachers

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. PDT/MST

The Money Monsters are new to our universe and have a lot to learn about school, friendship, and personal finance. Join us to explore a series of clever stories and accompanying financial literacy lessons created by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

[**REGISTER FOR MONEY MONSTERS**](#)

THE ECONOMICS OF EXTREME WEATHER

Online Workshop

For Middle and High School Teachers

Thursday, April 15, 2021

4:00 - 5:15 p.m. PDT/MST

Recent events remind us that extreme weather is a significant risk we all face. Join us to learn about the economic issues at play. Extreme weather impacts the local and global economy in many ways. However, extreme weather losses vary greatly in magnitude across events and locations, motivating the need to understand the current risks posed by weather extremes as well as strategies and opportunities to cope with them. Using examples from Southern Arizona and across the United States, this presentation will discuss the economics of extreme weather, including three important strategies – information, adaptation, and insurance – to combat these extreme threats.

[**REGISTER FOR ECON OF EXTREME WEATHER**](#)

THE MATHEMATICS OF PERSONAL FINANCE

Online Workshop

for High School Teachers

Saturday, April 17, 2021

9:30 a.m. - Noon PDT/MST

This workshop will guide high school math, economics, and personal finance teachers through hands-on activities to help make better connections between personal finance ideas like insurance and interest rates and the current standards for teaching Algebra 2. These activities could be used in a math room to better introduce personal finance standards, or in an economics class as a way of connecting the personal finance standards to the mathematics that your students have already learned or are currently learning. The hands-on activities will be presented in formats that could be used for either in-person or remote instruction. Lunch will be provided via Grubhub!

REGISTER FOR MATHEMATICS OF PERSONAL FINANCE

UNDERSTANDING THE ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ASRS)

Online Workshop

for K-12 Teachers

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

4:00-5:00 p.m. PDT/MST

Do you contribute to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS)? Do you know how your future benefits will be calculated? Join us for a tutorial on ASRS. Learn what is happening with the 12.22% of your income that is going into ASRS, how your benefits will be calculated, and what you can do to maximize this valuable component of your retirement plan.

REGISTER FOR UNDERSTANDING ASRS

The Mayors' Challenge

Online Competition Through Arizona Council on Economic Education

for Middle and High School Students & Teachers

April 22 & 23, 2021

The Mayors' Challenge is a one-of-a-kind online competition and a lot of fun! Let your students showcase their knowledge and skills in economics and personal finance through different team competitions. Open to all middle and high school students who have taken an economics or economics-related course in school. Free to participate. The 2021 Mayors' Challenge for Economic Education™ is organized by the Arizona Council on Economic Education and will be held virtually via Zoom on April 22 and 23, 2021.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

IMPLEMENTING A CLASSROOM ECONOMY

Online Workshop

for K-5 Teachers

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PDT/MST

Are you looking to try something new with your students in the fall? Join us to learn how you can teach your students financial responsibility, economic concepts, and entrepreneurship through fun, experiential learning. We'll show you how to implement a classroom economy using a wealth of free resources. This program will also explore the ways in which a classroom economy supports effective classroom management. Attendees will receive lunch on us (via Grubhub) and a certificate of professional development.

[REGISTER FOR CLASSROOM MINI ECONOMY](#)

K-5 ECON FAIR SAVE THE DATES

Online PD Event

For K-5 Teachers

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 13 & 14, 2021

9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. PDT/MST

Mark your calendars for a free 2-day online professional development event July 14-15, 2021. Gain confidence and enthusiasm for teaching economics and personal finance to young learners. Attendees will choose from 12 sessions over two days, gain valuable resources (including several books), and be inspired by passionate keynote speakers. More information and registration coming in late April!

[SAVE THE DATES: ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP - JULY 13 & 14, 2021](#)

NEW! ON-DEMAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Is your schedule unpredictable? Are you a night owl? TRBF is now offering on-demand professional development modules that you can complete any time of the day or night. Our series this spring is **Designing Effective Economics Assessments**. Each module is designed to be completed in 60 minutes. Modules 1 and 2 are available now!

Module 1 - *Test Blueprints*

Module 2 - *Writing Better Test Items*

Module 3—*Performance Assessments*

[ACCESS TRBF ON-DEMAND MODULES HERE](#)

ECON HERO

Educators draw on an impressive skill set to bring personal finance and economic concepts to life for their students. We want to recognize Arizona educators doing this extraordinary work. Are you an EconHero? Do you know a K-12 teacher who is passionate about economics? Nominate yourself or another educator as an EconHero today! Once each month the Thomas R. Brown Foundation will recognize one EconHero with a certificate of excellence and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

[NOMINATE AN ECON HERO](#)

Future Online Programs

Our dates are not yet finalized, but watch this newsletter for new programming in the coming months. A partial list of future programs includes:

For elementary teachers:

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/new-free-pd-for-elementary-teachers>

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/spring-programs>

PROGRAMS FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/new-free-pd-workshops>

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/spring-programs-7rjcy01y9>

Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2020—2021 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. *(generally the second Wednesday of each month)*

Wed. April 14	Wed. Sept. 8
Wed. May 12	Wed. Nov. 10
	Wed. Dec. 8

Calendar of Graham and Greenlee STEM events

Tue.—Fri. June 1-4	EASI Tonto Creek STEM Camp
Fri.—Sat. April 23-24	Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival (tentative!)
Mon.—Wed. June 7-9	EASI Summer Science Camp
Mon.—Wed. June 14-16	EASI High School STEAM Camp
	Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival EAC Disc. Park
	Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival EAC Main Campus

Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu

Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at

928-428-6260





EAC Discovery Park Campus Education Field Trips



The EAC Discovery Park Campus is here to help you with fun, safe, and educational Science field trips, and best of all ...there's no cost!

Choose from FIVE lessons:

Native Habitat, Archaeology, Astronomy, Matter & Energy, and NEW Biodiversity!



***The EAC Discovery Park Campus is open for field trips
On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to Noon
(The usual time frame for a field trip is about 2.5 -3 hours)***

To maintain safety; all field trips will be limited to groups of 30 or less, wearing of masks are mandatory, and all efforts will be made to maintain social distancing during the lessons and activities.

For more information, please contact Jackie at:

EAC Discovery Park Campus (928) 428-6260 *e-mail: jackie.madsen@eac.edu

To Schedule an Exciting Field Trip, Click Here: [EAC Discovery Park Campus - Field Trips!](#)



Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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From the AzBar Foundation

“When You Turn 18” Law-Related Education Academy

Registration page: <https://lawforkids.org/academies-free-for-everyone>

This training will enable educators to help their student’s transition from the classroom to life after they graduate high school. The key tool provided is the “When You Turn 18” brochure, a project of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education in partnership with the Arizona Supreme Court and the Maricopa County Courts.

Capitol Museum Virtual Fieldtrips

The Arizona Capitol Museum is now offering a new way to explore the Arizona Capitol Museum. Virtually! “Offered free of charge, the ACM virtual field trip enables Arizona’s elementary and middle school students to experience the museum and expand their social studies learning.” See their website for more information: <https://azlibrary.gov/azcm/educator-resources>

Featured Lesson:**Journey through Time: Arizona, From Territory to Statehood**

Description: In this lesson, students will learn about Arizona’s early days and follow its path from territory to statehood. Students will learn about Arizona’s various state capitals and early settlers as well as its symbols and culture.

Author: Kelli Jones

Grade Range: 3-4

Duration: 2 class periods

Link: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/AZStatehood>

Featured Lesson:**Exploring Indigenous Place Names in Canada**

Description: In this lesson students will learn that Indigenous groups living throughout North America had place names for geographic features. Using Canada as an example, they will explore the origin of the modern place names and compare Indigenous place names with their modern version.

Author: Carol C. Warren

Grade Range: 4-5

Duration: 3 class periods

Link: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/Indigenous>

2021 AZ Law Day Contest

Join us for the 2021 AZ Law Day Contest in celebration of Law Day on May 1, 2021 and the importance of following rules on a school campus and creating a positive learning environment! Students in grades K-12 are eligible to participate with the chance to win their very own iPad! This is their chance to showcase their creativity while engaging in civics and becoming responsible citizens. For contest rules and forms, visit <https://lawforkids.org/law-day-contest>.

All contest submission are due April 9, 2021.

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Spotlight on the Standards: 3rd Grade

When: June 17th, 2021

9-11:30 am (Arizona Time)

Where: Online

Attention all 3rd Grade Teachers! Are you anxious about the implementation of the new History and Social Science Standards? Are you looking for literacy rich social studies content to teach Arizona Studies? Join trainers from ADE, the Arizona Geographic Alliance, and the Capitol Museum for a webinar to support the content shift in the new standards.

Participants will:

Become Familiar with the 3rd Grade 2018 History and Social Science Standards

Examine the major shifts in the standards and how they will affect curriculum and instruction

Participate in Model Lessons

Examine resources and training available

Learn how the Capitol Museum can support you and your students

The webinar is 2.5 hours and participants will leave with resources and literacy rich model lessons.

Register Here: <https://ems.azed.gov/home/calendar?sd=8484>

Spotlight on the Standards: 4th Grade

When: June 28th, 2021

9-11:30 am (Arizona Time)

Where: Online

Attention all 4th Grade Teachers! Are you anxious about the implementation of the new History and Social Science Standards? Are you looking for literacy rich social studies content to teach Regions and Cultures of the Americas? Join trainers from ADE, the Arizona Geographic Alliance, and the Capitol Museum for a webinar to support the content shift in the new standards.

Participants will:

Become Familiar with the 4th Grade 2018 History and Social Science Standards

Examine the major shifts in the standards and how they will affect curriculum and instruction

Participate in Model Lessons

Examine resources and training available

Explore how to fill in gaps in Arizona studies for incoming 4th graders

Learn how the Capitol Museum can support you and your students

The webinar is 2.5 hours and participants will leave with resources and literacy rich model lessons.

Register Here: <https://ems.azed.gov/home/calendar?sd=8485>

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Spotlight on the Standards: 5th Grade

When: July 8th, 2021 9-11:30 am (Arizona Time) Where: Online

Attention all 5th Grade Teachers! Are you anxious about the implementation of the new History and Social Science Standards? Are you looking for literacy rich social studies content to teach Regions and Cultures of the Americas? Join trainers from ADE and the Arizona Geographic Alliance for a webinar to support the content shift in the new standards.

Participants will:

Become Familiar with the 5th Grade 2018 History and Social Science Standards

Examine the major shifts in the standards and how they will affect curriculum and instruction

Participate in Model Lessons

Examine resources and training available

The webinar is 2.5 hours and participants will leave with resources and literacy rich model lessons.

Register Here: <https://ems.azed.gov/home/calendar?sd=8486>

From the Arizona Historical Society!

⇒ Arizona Historical Society offers many kid friendly activities

⇒ Just a few examples are listed below so check out their website for the full PDF of that example and more information: <https://arizonahistoricalsociety.org/education/arizona-history-digital-hub/>

- **Hohokam Pottery Object:** This activity explores the artistry of Hohokam pottery. Kids can learn about the history of the Hohokam society of Arizona and will build their own version of a Hohokam pot. Recommended for: Ages K-2
- **Grow Your Own Crystals:** As long as there have been people in Arizona, they have been mining metals, minerals, and crystals. We know that ancient Arizonans like the Hohokam, Patayan, Ancestral Puebloan, and Mogollon peoples mined metals like copper and silver and precious gems like turquoise and traded those valuable goods with each other. Learn more about mining in Arizona and make your own rock crystals, AKA rock candy.
- **Playthings of the Past:** Before the railroad made mass shipment of goods to Arizona more cost effective, many children had to be inventive and make their own toys. Arizona kids played with natural materials like adobe mud, sticks, and bones. Sometimes, if their parents could spare the materials, they made dolls out of corn husks, yarn, or scraps of fabric. Discover how to make a rag doll with a few common household items.
- **Hi Ho Silhouette Tangram Problem Game:** Hi Ho is a collection used and played by an Arizona family in the 1930s. Families during this time enjoyed playing a variety of games to pass the time. During the 1930s, board games, cards, and toys were common pastimes. Children and families would gather together to play for entertainment. Gather a few friends for a spirited game of Hi Ho.
- **Origami Colorado River Toad:** Although Arizona is a pretty arid and dry state, we are home to 26 different species of frogs and toads, 23 of which are considered indigenous, or native to the state. Learn more about amphibians of Arizona and make your own Colorado River Toad.

Graham County Schools employees

NAU is proud to serve Graham County Schools employees with convenient and flexible bachelor's and master's degree options that fit the lifestyle of working professionals.

NAU provides affordable and accessible degrees online and at select sites across Arizona, as well as reduced tuition for Graham County Schools employees enrolled in an NAU graduate degree program <http://catalog.nau.edu/Catalog/index>. Learn more about NAU's partnership with Graham County Schools at <https://nau.edu/educational-partnerships/graham-county-schools>

To pursue the tuition reduction program, follow the instructions on the tuition reduction form https://nau.edu/wp-content/uploads/NEW-NAU-Tuition-Reduction-Form_Employee2.pdf

At NAU, we support you with:

- Tuition savings—a 10% reduction in tuition for all graduate degree programs (exception Personalized Learning).
- Affordable tuition—our undergraduate degree programs offer affordable tuition rate options.
- A dedicated Student Success Team—we have a team to assist you from application to graduation.
- Flexible delivery—select online and in-person program options to match your lifestyle.
- Variety—choose from over 100 program options.
- Maximum transfer credit—we have bachelor's degree options that transfer up to 90 credits.
- Personalized Learning option—a fully online learning platform that allows students to accelerate their pace towards degree completion.

Degree options include:

- ♦ M.Ed Educational Leadership—Principal Certification
- ♦ M.Ed School Counseling
- ♦ M.Ed Educational Technology
- ♦ Ed.D. Educational Leadership
- ♦ MS Mathematics Education
- ♦ MA Science Teaching
- ♦ MA English Literature
- ♦ Many more program options available

To get started on your degree, contact NAU at 928-523-5511

ASU Offerings to Augment Your Summer Program Menu

As you head toward the end of the spring semester and begin to plan for summer programs, consider some of the ready-made and customizable options that ASU can offer to round out your school/district programming.

All school leaders and counselors are welcome to attend!

**Summer Session 1 (June 2 - June 30) registration deadline: May 7

**Summer Session 2 (July 12 - Aug 6) registration deadline: June 18

ASU Summer 2021 programs include:

- ♦ Summer Math Labs (grades 3-12) have helped districts to improve student data.
- ♦ Summer School (grades 6-12) - see course catalog <https://www.asuprepdigital.org/high-school-courses/>
- ♦ ASU college courses for high school students. There is a large selection of courses and they can be used on their own or for dual credit.
- ♦ Barrett Summer Scholars, Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute, and more summer enrichment options.
- ♦ Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute (AZVTI) is free, customized teacher training.

We would love to meet with you to discuss your school's priorities and to explore how ASU could benefit your students within your summer program.

ASU Prep Digital | [Website](https://www.asuprepdigital.org/)

Opportunities from the Phoenix Art Museum



World Tour: Santa Fe and the Southwest

For many of us, opportunities to travel during the pandemic have been few and far between. In the interest of quarantining and social distancing, we are pleased to invite you on a virtual World Tour series inspired by works in the Museum's own collection. This month, we begin our journey across the globe, departing from Phoenix and heading across the Southwest to Santa Fe, with other desert stops along the way. Discover works of art in the collection from the

American Southwest, enjoy a closer look at the art of Willard Nash, and check out recommended reading, viewing, and listening, all inspired by New Mexico and beyond.

Clubes de Ciencia Arizona Summer Program

The **Clubes de Ciencia Arizona** summer program engages students in hands-on, intensive one-week workshops (clubes) that involves high school students in practical, scientific research in a variety of topics that include engineering, biotechnology, life sciences, and molecular sciences.

Clubes de Ciencia is offered at no cost and includes:

- Research experience
- Workshops and training materials

Program Details

Eligible Grades Program Dates Counties (apply to the county you reside in)

Rising 10th -12th	June 14–18	Maricopa County
Rising 9th - 12th	June 28–July 2	Gila, Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo, Apache
Rising 9th - 12th	July 12–15	Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Yuma, Pima, Pinal, Cochise, Santa Cruz



All programs will be held virtually this summer

Apply Here: na.eventscloud.com/clubes2021

Final Deadline: April 30th

Questions and more information:

clubes@asu.edu

480-965-6966

Visit our website: scihub.asu.edu/outreach/cdec-arizona



Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

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Library Tours
and
Field Trips



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Databases

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audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

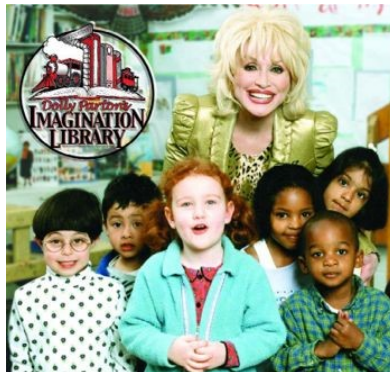
When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azftf.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.





Teacher Printable: Storytelling Sets

Do your students love to tell stories? This printable storytelling kit includes characters your students can cut out, and a series of backgrounds and scenes they can use to create their own stories!

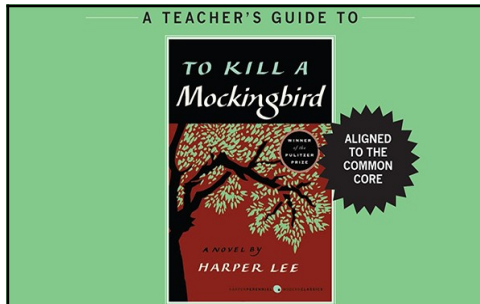
<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/storytelling-starter-set-document/elinor-wonders-why/>

Undercover in the Jungle: Studying Field Research with Cameras

Follow a team of naturalists on a mission to capture wildlife behavior in the Amazon Basin of Ecuador. Support materials include discussion questions and a scientific observation activity.

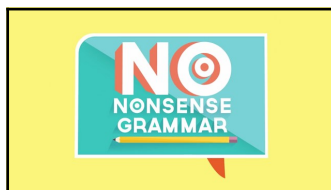
<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nat38-field-research-with-cameras/undercover-in-the-jungle-video-nature-season-38/#.X8VVL81KhhE>

A Time and Place: The Importance of Setting in To Kill a Mockingbird



In this lesson plan for the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, students will be able to define and recognize the three main components of setting in literature, gain a deeper understanding of setting and its importance in the novel, express that understanding both verbally and in written form, and be able to recognize and describe the main characters.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/time-place-setting-mockingbird-tgar/time-place-setting-mockingbird-tgar/>



[How to Avoid Dangling Modifiers:](#)

[No Nonsense Grammar for Grades 3-8](#)



[Lesson Plans Inspired By Clifford The Big Red Dog](#)

Teacher Planning Kit

PreK-12 Lesson Ideas
March – May 2021



Latest Release: Teacher Planning Kit for March - May 2021

We hope this planning kit, packed with plenty of opportunities to connect your students with tons of free PBS content, will help you manage your routine no matter how challenging. As always, this kit also includes curated resources you can use to better engage some of your students who have limited or no access to the internet.

Looking for ideas on how to use these resources and lesson plans to deepen student engagement? Please join us for a one hour webinar where we'll dive into these questions and more. Register now to learn how to maximize the use of your custom lesson plan packet.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/teacher-planning-kits-new-school-routines-march-may/teacher-planning-kits-media-gallery/#.YEBSDZNKg2A>



PBS LearningMedia

Tips From a Teacher

Do you have a favorite PBS LearningMedia resource? Share it with us on Twitter @PBSTeachers, and find out what other teachers recommend, with ideas for early-childhood educators, elementary, middle, and high school teachers. [DISCOVER MORE](#)

Holocaust Remembrance

Finding light in darkness and hope in despair are among the themes educators should focus on when teaching the Holocaust," says middle school teacher Kim Joiner. Explore the [Teaching the Holocaust Through Art](#) video lesson, materials and other stories in PBS LearningMedia for grades 6-12.

Bring Science and Engineering to Life

Help middle and high school students understand the real world application of science and engineering concepts with short videos on shape-shifting robots, 3-D mapping, and deep ocean exploration. https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/engineering_is/#.X3ITQZNKjyg

Start an Engineering Invention Club

This guide takes you through the process of running a 6-week version of a Design Squad Global Club for middle school age students, which includes a welcome session, 4 hands-on activity sessions, and a party to celebrate at the end!

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/dsg16-sci-6weekguide/6-week-dsg-club-guide/>

Engineering and Design for Early Elementary: Design a Mars Yard and Rover Wheel

Blast off with Jet and his friends! In this session, students will engage in the Engineering Design Process to build a model of the surface of Mars.

[Download the Teacher Guide](#)

Middle School Math: Calculate Lift and Drag to Power Airplanes and Turbines

This interactive activity allows you to explore the important forces of lift and drag and how they affect everything from airplanes to wind turbines. Learn about the wings used on different types of planes, airfoils on helicopters, wind turbines, and even race cars.

[View Activity](#)

Encourage Curiosity with Elinor Wonders Why

Find an array of resources—including interactive lessons, playlists, viewing guides, and printable activities—to encourage your students to ask questions, make observations, and bask in the wonderment of nature's amazing answers.

[View Resources](#)

Seasonal Science: Investigating Annual Weather Patterns

Explore some factors (like temperature and precipitation) of daily weather in order to develop an understanding of seasonal weather patterns.

[Watch Now](#)



[Shifting Focus: Good Grades vs. Good People](#)



[The History of Country Music in U.S. Society: An Interactive Timeline](#)

Learn At Home Lesson Planning for Early Ed

Next week's learn at home theme is about Celebrating Fall. Find new activities with printable worksheets for PreK-2 students.

Need more inspiration? Download a free teacher planning resource kit [here](#).

[Click Here for PreK - K Printable Worksheets](#)

[Click Here for Grades 1 - 2 Printable Worksheets](#)



7 Simple Surface Tension Experiments

Surface tension holds the surface molecules of liquids tightly together and makes for some fun experiments that students of all ages will love.

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/surface-tension-experiments-physicsgirl-1016/seven-surface-tension-experiments-physics-girl/?elqTrackId=ACB47454C19515883B49E8F681B5245A&elqTrack=true> target="_blank" title="" data-targettype="webpage" data-targetname="" style="text-decoration: none;">>
[View Activities](#)



Engineer and Invent with SciGirls

SciGirls has the bold goal of changing how millions of girls think about science, technology, engineering and math. Explore inquiry-based investigations and activities for grades 5-8.

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/scigirls/?elqTrackId=23EC09B726914C72E763F7393E400CCA&elqTrack=true> target="_blank" title="" data-targettype="webpage" data-targetname="" style="text-decoration: none;">>

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[Understanding the Science Behind Heating & Cooling](#)



Nature Themed At-Home Classroom Activities

With this fun hands-on activity, kids can explore how animals and humans use their senses to learn about the world around them. This activity will challenge kids to use their sense of touch to match different materials and help them understand how animals use their senses in their different environments.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nat37-sci-at-home-super-senses/nature-at-home-activities-super-senses/#.X81jxelKhTY>



Put Your Super Hero Senses To The Test

Use these Hero Elementary activities to help young children learn about the ways they can use their five senses to help them in everyday life.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/five-senses-media-gallery/hero-elementary/>



**ARIZONA SCIENCE
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**
INSPIRING, ENGAGING, & SUPPORTING SCIENCE TEACHERS

The Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA) is a statewide professional teacher organization whose mission is to inspire, engage, and support science teachers in preparing STEM learners for success.

Twice a year, Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA) publishes the [SCIENCE TIMES CIRCULAR](#) that provides information about science, technology, engineering, and math education to teachers and community members. Click here to enjoy the Spring issue of the ASTA Science Times Circular.

This issue contains a variety of articles ranging from how to select phenomena that will support students in making sense of the world around them to strategies on how to support teachers in implementing the Arizona Science Standards.

The articles within this issue include: Making Everyday Phenomena Phenomenal
Outstanding Science Teachers Recognized

Message from ASTA President Science Standards Update

Beyond the Hook Science Anywhere in Arizona Equity Resources

Making STEM Accessible Rural High School Uses STEM to Improve Agriculture Instruction

How Phenomena Can Promote Student-Centered Learning

Science Standards Professional Learning Meet ASTA Directors

Message from Executive Director

And more!

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

***Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers
and Community STEM Educators:***

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Educational grant opportunities are open again! The grants have moved to a quarterly cycle with the following deadlines: May 1, 2021, Aug.1, 2021, Nov. 1, 2021

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Visit the United Way website at grahamgreenleeunited.org
Click on "Grant Application." For assistance with your grant, contact

Editor-Grant writing tips and protocol: Please gather all of your data and make sure have refined the "ask." Clear, concise language matters, and by all means, don't wait until the last minute to start working on a grant! Especially if you ask others for help with editing, etc. You want it to shine and anything rushed just adds stress and allows for mistakes.

Grant Opportunities

Hertz Global Hertz Giving

Who: Public and private schools and non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Jun 30, Sep 30, and Dec 31, March 31

For programs in the areas of education, environment, safety, and travel. For education, prioritization is on early childhood literacy programs and mentoring programs for college students.

https://www.hertz.com/rentacar/misc/index.jsp?targetPage=corporate_giving_guidelines.jsp

Mazda Foundation Educational Grants

Who: Pre-school – Grade 12 public, private, charter schools; higher education non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: May 1 and July 1 annually

Funding support to programs promoting education and literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare, and scientific research.

<https://www.mazdafoundation.org/grant-guidelines/>

Whole Kids Foundation—Garden Grant Program

Who: K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1, 2021

For supporting schools and inspiring families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. Funds for edible gardens at K-12 schools to help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables.

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

D'Addario Music Foundation Music Education Grants

Who: Public, charter, private and home schools

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: April 7, 2021

Grants and product donations to sustainable music instruction programs in order to improve access to music education. Supported programs include those that bring music back into communities and schools, and gets kids playing as early and as frequently as possible.

<http://www.daddariofoundation.org/grants>

Grant Opportunities

Educators of America MicroGrant Program for Educators and Teachers

Who: Public, charter and private schools teachers

Amount: \$250 - \$5,000 each

Deadline: April 15, 2021; Sept. 15, 2021

To supply teachers and educators with the classroom technology they need and also train them to use it in the most effective ways possible. Support for an effective technological tool that will assist in bettering student achievement, in classroom and entire institution

<https://educatorsusa.org/our-programs/micro-grants/>

National Society of High School Scholars

STEAM Educator Grants

Who: Grades 9-12 public, charter and private schools teachers

Amount: \$1,000 each

Deadline: April 15, 2021

To support STEAM activities; innovation; and classroom excellence. Can be used for supplies, materials, field trips, and other resources that enhance STEAM teaching and learning.

<https://www.nshss.org/educators/grants>

National Society of High School Scholars

School Supplies Grants

Who: Grades 9-12 public, charter and private schools teachers

Amount: \$500 each

Deadline: April 15, 2021

Support for high school educators, particularly those who are heads of clubs in their schools and who constantly look for support and resources for their students.

<https://www.nshss.org/educators/grants/school-supplies-grant>

No Kid Hungry Coronavirus Grant

Who: Non-profit groups and schools

Amount: Not specified Deadline: Open

Emergency grants to support local school districts and nonprofit organizations in their efforts to ensure kids get the nutritious food they need.

<https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request>

Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need.

DonorsChoose

Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org).

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

SC Johnson Grants

Who: Schools libraries, and non-profit groups

Amount: Open

Deadline: Rolling

Supports requests that are regional or national in scope. Grants in the areas of arts, culture, and humanities; community and economic development; education; health and wellness; social services; and environment and sustainability. Education Grants include support for programs that emphasize student academic achievement, with a focus on academic enrichment and advancement, early childhood, and kindergarten through grade 12 education; postsecondary institutions; and technical and vocational schools.

<https://www.scjohnson.com/en/our-purpose/social-responsibility-news/community-and-economic-development/sc-johnson-grants-and-product-donations-help-make-our-communities-better>

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Rolling—every 6-8 weeks

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

Wish You Well Foundation Seize the Words

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: \$200 - \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Support for fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs, like adult literacy, workforce development, computer literacy, GED preparation, ESL skills, etc.

<https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/>

Toyota USA Foundation Educational Grants

Who: Public and private schools

Amount: Avg. \$50,000 Deadline: Year round

To support innovative programs and building partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of STEM; priority is placed on: Systemic math and science programs which are broad in scope and incorporate interdisciplinary curriculum, “real world” classroom applications and high student expectations; Creative and innovative programs which develop the potential of students and/or teachers; Cost-effective programs that possess a high potential for relatively low duplication of effort. <https://www.toyota.com/usa/community/grant-guidelines->

Francis R. Dewing Foundation Early Childhood Education Grants

Who: Pre-school – Grade 6 public, private, charter schools

Amount: \$5,000 - \$15,000 each

Deadline: April 1st and Oct. 1st annually

To support projects in early childhood education aged 2 through 6th grade. Priority to new, untried, or unusual educational methods. Project proposals must address specific identifiable needs through activities that involve children or students directly.

<http://frd-foundation.org/apply/>

Arizona Education Association Foundation—National Board Certification Scholarship

Who: K-12 teachers who are members of AEA

Amount: Up to \$400 per component

Deadline: Open

To offset National Board Certification fees for teaching professionals seeking this highest professional achievement in teaching.

http://www.arizonaaea.org/assets/document/AZ/nbc_scholarship.pdf

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants Program

Who: Districts, schools, and non-profits

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Deadline: Open

For programs supporting financial literacy for elementary and high school students, among other areas of interest

<http://www.cornelldouglas.org/grants>

Grant opportunities

Target Corporate - Target Field Trip Grants

Who may apply: Education professionals in K-12 public, private, charter schools and non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Ross Stores, Inc. Foundation Store-based Giving Grants

Who: Schools and non-profit organizations

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

Support for youth-oriented programs and services that prepare today's youth for a bright tomorrow, especially in the areas of building academic achievement and life skills in economically disadvantaged youth; includes programs with a focus on literacy, STEM, tutoring; stay-in-school efforts, and college readiness. Life skills support includes programs that focus on mentoring, financial literacy, leadership skills, after-school programs, and career readiness.

<http://corp.rossstores.com/responsibility/supporting-our-communities/store-based-giving-guidelines>

Arizona Education Association Foundation Mary Kay Haviland Angel Fund Grant

Who: K-12 teachers who are members of AEA

Amount: Up to \$100, board reviewed for more than \$100

Deadline: Open

To provide direct assistance to students with educational or personal needs; to be used to purchase items that improve an individual student's personal well-being or academic performance (e.g., eyeglasses, jacket, school supplies, etc.)

<http://www.arizonaaea.org/assets/document/AZ/angelfund.pdf>

Wells Fargo Local Community Grants

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: Open

Deadline: Open

For programs local programs in arts and culture, civic engagement, education, the environment, human services, and workforce development.

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/local/>

Grant opportunities

Amgen Foundation Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools, higher education

Amount: Average of \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Science Education funding for science literacy with priority consideration for teacher quality and professional development in math and science as well as support for programs that provide students and teachers with opportunities for hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiments.

<https://www.amgen.com/responsibility/grants-and-giving/amgen-foundation-grants/>

Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Urban Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools

Amount: \$10,000 and up

Deadline: Ongoing

To close economic gap, improve student performance and increase graduation rates among affected students, funding is for performance-driven education, college preparation and completion, human capital (educator and school leader training), quality school options, and academic and after-school programs.

<https://www.msdf.org/apply/>

Good Sports - Sports Equipment Program

Who: Organizations and schools serving underprivileged youth 3-18 years in organized sports, fitness programs, and recreational activities

Amount: Up to \$6,000 of equipment

Deadline: Rolling deadlines

For sports equipment, apparel, and footwear for existing sports programs and activities. Must pay 10% shipping and handling costs

<https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

Kars4Kids Kars4Kids Small Grants

Who: K-12 schools and non-profit group

Amount: \$500-\$2,000 Deadline: Year-round

To support year-round educational and mentoring opportunities and help develop youth into productive and engaged members of society.

<https://www.kars4kidsgrants.org/>

Coca Cola Foundation Grants

Who: K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

For programs in empowering women; protecting the environment (access to clean water, water conservation and recycling) and enhancing communities (education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives)

<https://www.coca-colacompany.com/shared-future/communities/the-coca-cola-foundation>

Grant opportunities

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation

Environmental Curricula Grants

Who: K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

To support educators in developing and implementing holistic environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.

<http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm>

Albertsons Companies Foundation

Youth and Education Grants

Who: K-12 public schools and non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

To support projects that increase test scores, classroom performance and/or attendance.

<http://national.albertsonsfoundation.org/get-funded/grant-application-process-national/>

Ford Motor Company Fund

Ford Next Generation Learning STEAM High School Community Challenge

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: \$50,000 each Deadline: Open

To support student-led projects that use a STEAM approach to develop solutions to critical issues in their communities.

<https://www.fordfund.org/education/steam>

U.S. General Services Administration Computers for Learning Program

Who: District, charter and private K-12 schools

Amount: Various computers, laptops, desktops, printers, scanners, peripheral devices, and computer components

Deadline: Requests accepted year-round

Transfers excess computers and related peripheral equipment directly to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations; specifically matches the computer needs with excess equipment in Federal agencies. Goal is to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom so that every child has the opportunity to be educated to his or her full potential.

http://computersforlearning.gov/html/hp_schooleducation.htm

Grant opportunities

SRP Corporate Contributions

Who: All educators in Arizona Counties

Amount: Varies Deadline: Open

To support education programs that: increase the quality of math and science education through development of Highly Qualified Teachers and supporting “train the trainer” program; prepare teachers to better equip students for higher education through STEM activities; develop job-readiness and employment skills; help educators implement programs that highlight the wise use of water and electricity

<https://www.srpnet.com/community/contributions/education.aspx>

Chipotle Community Fundraisers

Who: Schools, youth groups, and non-profit organizations

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: Open year round

To support organizations and schools in a variety of ways, including in-restaurant fundraisers for schools. Helps with programs focused on assisting K-12 schools, youth groups, community gardens and more

<https://community.chipotle.com/fundraisers>

Digital Wish Digital Wish Grants

Who: K-12 schools and classes

Amount: Amounts awarded vary

Deadline: Rolling, one awarded on the 15th of each month

Register your school and then submit a technology-based lesson plan for a chance to win over 50 different technology grants—view all available grants at link

http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant_awards

GENYOUth Foundation COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding Grants

Who: K-12 Brick-and-mortar schools using NSLP

Amount: Up to \$3,000 each

Deadline: Rolling basis throughout year

To support emergency school nutrition programs in response to the coronavirus crisis. Grants are intended for resources and equipment for meal distribution and delivery, including soft-sided coolers, bags, and containers for individual servings, as well as protective gear for food workers.

<https://covid-19.genyouthnow.org/>

Grant opportunities

New York Newspapers Foundation Education Grants

Who: K-12 Public, private, charter schools; higher education

Amount: Amounts vary

Deadline: Accepted year round

To help encourage the promotion of education, study, and scientific research in all fields relating to the freedom of speech and of the press, as well as study and research by others in all endeavors relating to the dissemination of information.

<http://www.nynpa.com/foundation.html>

Kellogg Company Fund No Kid Hungry and Kellogg School Grants

Who: Schools participating in National School Breakfast Program

Amount: Maximum \$5,500 per school

Deadline: Open

Support the purchase of equipment, materials and promotional initiatives facilitating Breakfast After the Bell delivery models (such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go, or Second Chance Breakfast) in an effort to increase student participation in school breakfast.

<https://www.nokidhungry.org/kellogg-breakfast-grants>

United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, and National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA)

Who: Public, private, charter schools

Amount: Up to \$250,000

Deadline: July 13, 2021

PreK through grade 12 school and informal science education programs. Eligible activities include creative educational activities with primary focus on courses for skills development, curriculum or methods development, mentoring, research experiences, and outreach to disseminate educational and research resources. Topics not addressed by existing school, community, or informal science-based activities are encouraged.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-20-153.html>

AFCEA Educational Foundation

Gravely & Paige Grants for STEM Teachers

Gravely grants for middle school teachers, Paige grants for elementary school teachers

Up to \$1,000 each

Opens May 1, 2021 – Jul 31, 2021

To promote STEM innovation in the classrooms with emphasis on academic programs; augments the cost to students for activities or tools inside or outside of the classroom, such as robotics clubs, cyber clubs and other STEM related activities to promote STEM to students.

<https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/gravely-teacher-grants/stem-teachers>

Grant opportunities

National Environmental Education Foundation Restoration & Resilience COVID Recovery Grants

Who: K-12 schools, non-profits, governmental agencies

Amount: Up to \$2,000

Deadline: June 1, 2021

To help restore public lands that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to increased use. Activities must engage volunteers and represent a specific project. Examples of eligible projects are addressing wear and tear on trails, increased litter, or postponed projects such as removing invasive species and new plantings, with a focus on conservation.

<https://www.neefusa.org/grants/2021/restoration-resilience-fund>

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation Grant Program

Who: K-12 schools

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: Open

Supports projects and services promoting good oral health practices and increasing access to dental care, especially with children

<https://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/community-grants/>

Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation Educational Assistance and Training Programs

Who: Public, private, charter schools; non-profits

Amount: \$2,500—\$15,000 each

Deadline: Accepted year-round

Encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at all education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest include educational and training programs designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, promote good citizenship and public services, and increase reading, mathematics, and science proficiencies.

<https://www.cruisefoundation.org/guidelines>

FM Foundation Mini-Grants for Education – All Grades | October 2021 application deadline (Early heads up!)

The annual Mini-Grants application was suspended in 2020 due to pandemic but is planned for return in 2021.

For more info on application eligibility and project criteria, please visit:

<https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

Grant opportunities

Shell Oil Company Educational Grants

Who: K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools

Amount: Awards vary Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

Sports Matter Program

Who: Sports programs including K-12 schools and non-profit youth sports programs

Amount: Open

Deadline: Open year round

To support leagues, teams, athletes, and outdoor enthusiasts.

Through DonorsChoose.org/teachers, get school team sponsorship. If looking for. For sports league and teams, donations and sponsorships are available.

<https://www.sportsmatter.org/funding/>

MLB and MLBPA Youth Development Foundation Grants

Who: K-12 school districts and schools, non-profit groups

Amount: \$3,000 each

Deadline: Open year around

To increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball. Support for Capital projects, Baseball/Softball programs include: in-school/after-school baseball/softball programming, equipment and uniforms, umpire fees, player registration fees and practice facility rental fees, education initiatives include: programs, exhibits and other learning opportunities that use baseball and softball as its primary focus to promote interest and engagement in the game.

<https://www.mlbplayers.com/ydf>

Toshiba America Foundation

K-12 Science and Math Educators Grants

K-12 Teachers in public and private schools

\$5,000 - \$10,000

If \$5,000 or less: Grades K-5 Oct 1; Grades 6-12 Jun 1, Sep 1, Dec 1; if >\$5,000: Nov 1

For projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their Science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or

What's going on around Graham County?

Bonita Elementary School after the January 2021 snowfall.



Solomon School courtyard



They did it!

← Congratulations to these members of the 2020-2021 New Teacher Coalition: Elena Tellechea, Anne Marie Taylor, Lorrie Rodriguez, Paula Chlarson, Leslie Bingham, Tiarra Evans, James Ramirez and Lani Price.

They participated in a United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties mini-grant opportunity offered to members of the New Teacher Coalition. The mini-grants were designed to teach educators the fundamentals of writing a grant that would directly benefit their classroom and students.

Congratulations!

The United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties mini-grant program benefited students in both counties! These are James Ramirez' Spanish class students reading to preschoolers. The books were purchased to enhance the classroom library.



Visit the Community Bulletin Board on the Graham County Website

<https://www.graham.az.gov/632/Community-Bulletin-Board>

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ♦ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ♦ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ♦ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ♦ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ♦ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ♦ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting
Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

From the Graham County Health Department

This information is helpful when facing illness at home. This will be posted on the ADHS site under guidance for schools.

[Isolations V. Quarantine Guidance for Families](#)

Help for our senior population is available at through the Southeastern Arizona Unique Community Services (SEACUS). Most of us are aware of the Meals on Wheels program, but recently I inquired about other services after speaking to someone who was helping an elderly friend. The friend was struggling with the paperwork involved with her insurance renewal, and while she was assisted by her good neighbors, it occurred to me that there are elderly community members who do not have this good fortune. A call to SEACUS can result in the very assistance they may need. Call 928-428-3229 or visit seacus.org.

Who will help
me become
the man
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,
you won't just change their life...**
they'll change yours forever.

Teens need families. Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

www.TeensNeedYou.org



1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org

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What's New In SECC? Help a Foster Child



Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 

your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO
qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX
CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them
here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming
donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing
jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

**SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY
FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:**

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA